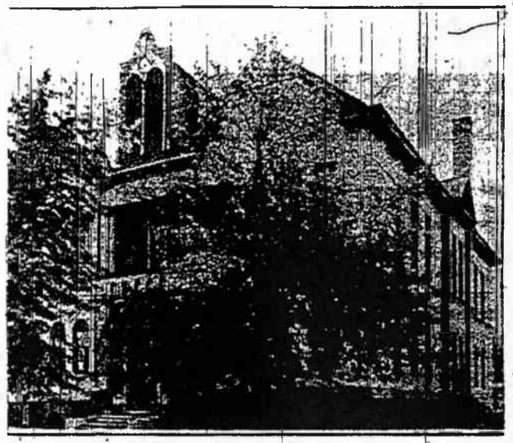
Catholic Churches Play Important Role in Community Progress



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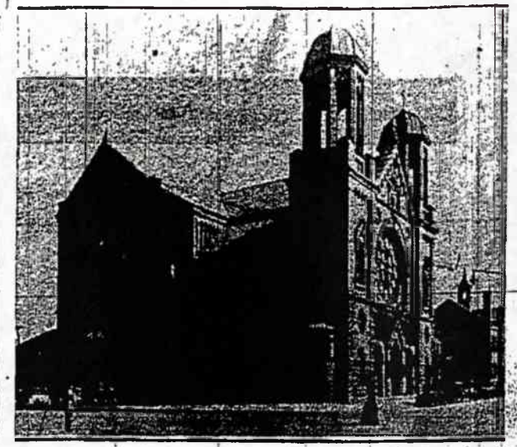

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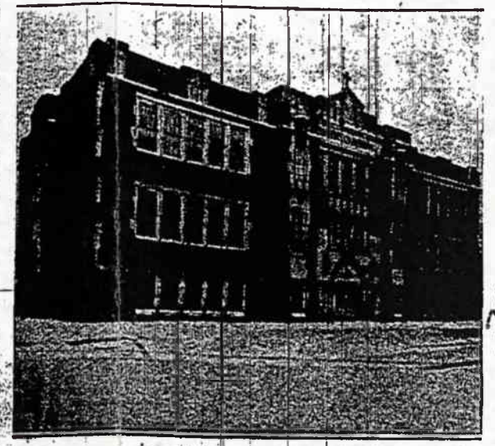

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE IS ENHANCED

Local Catholic Priests and Churches Contribute Greatly to Community Progress.

By Rev. J. S. Delaney,
Pastor St. Patrick's Church.

Although from the earliest days of Catholicity in the midwest Catholic priests came to minister in Terre Haute, the first resident priest was the Rev. Stanislaus Buteux, who was the earliest resident pastor of St. Mary's village and came regularly to Terre Haute to minister to the Catholic people. St. Joseph's church, however, was the first congregation organized. The pious Father Simon Lalumier began the work in 1843 and at his death in 1857 had the satisfaction of seeing it moving rapidly forward. For two years the Jesuit fathers carried on the parish offices until the arrival of the beloved Father Bede O'Connor, a Benedictine monk from the abbey at St. Meinrad. His tenure of office was marked with the greatest spiritual advancement and his memory is still cherished by older members.

The Rev. John B. Chasse, who followed, was responsible for many improvements of the property which gave to Terre Haute its first truly imposing church. During his pastorate Rev. Herman Alerding, late bishop of Ft. Wayne, assisted him.

The Franciscan fathers took charge of the parish in 1872 and have since been a powerful factor in the religious, educational and social progress of our city. Such men as Rev. John Kroeger, Rev. Louis Moezigamba, Rev. Joseph Lesset, Rev. Francis Neubar and Rev. Marzette were the first of the Franciscan fathers here in Terre Haute.

The Rev. M. C. McEvoy filled the pastor's office for over 15 years and the fruits of his labors are still widely known and genuinely appreciated. The Rev. Joseph Frewin, the Rev. Francis Lehoner, the Rev. Camillus Elchenlaub and the Rev. Nicholas Donohue followed in that order and all are well remembered for their years of service to this community. The Rev. James Hermes, who was pastor from 1929 to 1933, was succeeded by the present pastor, Father Paschal Murray, who presides over the large congregation of Catholics of St. Joseph's parish. The present church, seriously damaged by fire, was restored in its beautiful and artistic style by Father Murray.

St. Benedict's Church Founded.

St. Benedict's parish, originally formed for the benefit of German Catholics of the city, was founded by the Benedicting Father Pintan Mundweiler in 1858. In 1873 the Franciscan fathers took over the parish duties and many of these pastors are remembered with kindly recollections for the zealous manner in which they served the faithful. Such beloved men as Fathers Ferdinand, Stephen, Phillip, Seraphin and Anthony will long be remembered for their kindly ministry. After the complete destruction of their beautiful church by fire in 1930 the parish, led by the tireless Father Seraphin, rebuilt the edifice as a monument to their faithfulness and a fitting edifice for divine services. At present Father Clarence is continuing the excellent work of this church.

St. Ann's parish in the northeast section of the city was founded by the Rev. Michael Quinlan in 1866. Such names as Father John McCabe and John Ryves are so well known in this city by non-Catholics as well as Catholics that they need no introduction. They were the leaders who developed the small parish into one of the largest congregations in the city. The passing of Father Ryves found Father Joseph Duffey as pastor and at his death the present zealous pastor, the Rev. C. J. Thienes, was named.

St. Patrick's Church Established.

In 1881 the Rev. Thomas Logan founded St. Patrick's parish in the southeast portion of the rapidly growing city. Father Logan built the present church and Father Victor Schnell labored 37 years in this parish, enjoying the esteem of non-Catholics as well as Catholics. In 1920 the present pastor, the Very Rev. James B. Delaney, became the head of this ever growing parish. His long and successful administration has been noted for the zeal and energy he has displayed in every phase of his office. The imposing grade and high school building and sisters' convent which has been erected during his pastorate are a tribute to Catholic progress and action.

Father Thienes established the new flourishing St. Margaret Mary's parish in the southern section of the city in 1920 and continued to guide its destinies until 1932, when Father Leo Creeden, the efficient and hard-working pastor now in office, succeeded him.

Sacred Heart parish was erected in 1921 by the Rev. Alcquisius Duffy and now has one of the largest numbers of members of any congregation in the city. Father Cavanaugh and Father Omel Eiseman contributed much with Father Duffy to the rapid progress of this fine congregation. The present pastor, the Rev. Jerome Pfeu, is widely known and esteemed in the city.

Catholic education has kept pace with the growth of the religious life in the city and today we find all six Catholic parishes of the city having finely equipped grade schools, excellently taught by the self-sacrificing Sisters of Providence of the world famous St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Likewise, St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's high schools provide higher education for Catholic girls of the city. Both high schools are state commissioned high schools.

The history of the great order of Sisters of Providence and of the rise of the finest institution of its kind at St. Mary-of-the-Woods is much too full a one for such a short treatise. Suffice it to say it stands as a grand tribute to Catholics and non-Catholics alike and we can take great pride in its achievements.

St. Anthony's hospital completes the group of Catholic institutions in the city. Founded, in 1883, and greatly aided by Herman Hulman, the institution under the able care of the Sisters of St. Francis now has achieved the highest ranking as a haven of sufferers from any and all ailments. It is indeed a noble work these good sisters are doing. And who in Terre Haute has not come to know and appreciate it?

In summary then the Catholic church which started so humbly in 1837 has now grown to be a powerful means for the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of all the citizens of our beloved city. With six flourishing parishes, schools, both grade and high, and a Catholic hospital, the city can justly be proud of the church in this community.

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Optimist Club, 13 Months Old, Is Leader in Local Welfare Activity

BY J. ALFRED THOMPSON,
President of Optimist Club.

The Optimist Club of Terre Haute, one of the newest service clubs in the city, received its charter from Optimist International in October, 1934.

It is one of the 125 clubs of Optimist International. Several new chapters now are in process of organization.

The first Optimist club was organized in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1911, and therefore, Optimist clubs will celebrate the silver jubilee of optimism this year.

The motto of the Optimist club is "Friend of the Boy," and the clubs have been doing wonderful work in their contacts with the underprivileged boys of the country. There now are more Junior Optimist clubs than senior clubs. The junior clubs, like the older organizations, are chartered by Optimist International, and the boys elect their own officers and conduct their activities under the supervision of a committee from the Optimist club in their city.

The Optimist Club of Terre Haute now consists of 52 representative business men of the city.

During the year 1935 the Terre Haute club has taken part in the various activities sponsored by other service clubs, while carrying forward a social and welfare program of its own. A party of Optimists attended the Kiwanis minstrels, and for the Tribune-Star Frolic they organized a theater party of 50. They also did their part in the annual dinner for the football teams of the city.

The largest undertaking of the club in 1935 was the clothe-a-child campaign sponsored to raise money with which to clothe needy school children of the city and Harrison township at Christmas. This project has met favorable comment all over the city. As a result of their efforts and with the hearty co-operation of local citizens club members were able to clothe completely 160 boys and girls.

After four days of newspaper publicity, the campaign was opened at a luncheon held Dec. 11, to which city and county civic leaders were invited as well as representatives of all other service clubs. The result was a highly enthusiastic meeting for the inauguration of the campaign.

The attractive feature of the drive was the "Mile of Dimes." Space was reserved along the sidewalls in front of the Carl Wolf and Ben Becker stores on Wabash avenue, and the entire club, preceded by a band and a broadcasting car, marched to the "Mile of Dimes" line. Judge Albert Owens, a club member, delivered the opening address, and the president deposited the first dime as a large bell sounded its peal. This was the signal for a deluge of dimes, the members having "stacked up" with bright, shining new dimes through the courtesy of the Merchants National Bank.

The dimes remained on the line all through the day and were guarded by Boy scouts. On the evening of Dec. 23 the campaign came to a close with $422.10 on the line. The bell had been rung 4,221 times.

Individual pledges more than doubled the amount received in dimes, thus enabling the club to provide for the additional children.

Each boy received shoes, stockings, two suits of underwear, trousers, lumber jacket, two shirts, hat and gloves. The girls received two dresses, sweater, two suits of underwear, shoes, two pairs of stockings and a "tam."

All expenses were borne either by the club or donated by members and friends, so that every dime received was spent on clothing for the boys and girls.

Jim Culp acted as general chairman, and without his untiring efforts the campaign would not have been the success that it turned out to be.

The Optimist club feels that this was a worth-while activity, one that has been needed in Terre Haute, and hopes to make it an annual event. Members wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every person and firm in Terre Haute who helped them in this project.

The present officers of the club are J. Alfred Thompson, president; Alfred J. Woolford, treasurer; Dr. C. C. Chandler, secretary; James Vander Stoep, Max Wolf, James Culp, vice presidents, and Donald O'Rear, sergeant at arms.

New officers will be elected April 1, 1936. No doubt the new officers will perfect plans for other activities during the year 1936-1937.

The Optimist club is sponsor for Troop 10 of the Boy Scouts with headquarters at St. Stephen's church.

The Optimist club has a team in the Service club bowling league of the city, bowling on Thursday evenings at the K. of C. alleys.

CITY DIRECTORIES AT LOCAL C. OF C.

The library of city directories in the Chamber of Commerce is one of the big drawing cards of the many services offered by this organization.

Terre Haute is honored by R. L. Polk & Co., publishers, as one of the few remaining cities in which such a library is now maintained. That the people of Terre Haute appreciate what R. L. Polk & Co. has done is evidenced by the stream of people who daily come to the Chamber of Commerce building to make use of it.

More than 400 city directories are on file, representing an investment by R. L. Polk & Co. of more than $10,000. Already this year more than half a dozen 1936 editions have been received to replace the obsolete directories.

A 1936 City Directory of Terre Haute is already on the press and will be distributed about the first of March. R. L. Polk & Co. has had a crew of men in Terre Haute compiling the directory information for the past few months. A great deal of interest has been shown by local people because it has been two years since a new directory has been distributed.

Mrs. Pearl York Gibson, office secretary, said to a Tribune-Star reporter: "The Chamber of Commerce appreciates the tribute R. L. Polk & Co. have paid to Terre Haute in maintaining this useful library of city directories. We know that they have discontinued libraries in many cities larger than Terre Haute.

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Catholic Churches Perform Work Of Importance In Community

THE Catholic churches of every community in the United States can be found taking full part in the advancement of the community. Splendid clergymen, possessing knowledge and zeal, work earnestly for the good of their parishes and at the same time strive to serve their respective communities in every possible way. The principles and doctrines of the Catholic faith prepare its communicants for citizenship after the precepts of Christianity and in this way build for the future of the communities in which its churches are located.

Terre Haute's Catholic churches have played important roles in the development of this community which grew from a small river-side settlement to be the important industrial, commercial and cultural center of the Wabash Valley. The good will toward men and the friendly attitude of citizenship with men of all faiths predominates in this city. Following are brief accounts of the activities of the Catholic parishes of Terre Haute:

CENTURY-OLD ST. JOSEPH'S WAS CITY'S FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Joseph's Church has occupied a place in the growth of the city for more than a century, rightly deserving the title, "Cradle of Catholicism in Terre Haute," for it was the first church of this faith to be established here. This followed closely the platting of Terre Haute in 1816. Twenty-one years after the city's beginning, Catholicity having gained a firm foundation, the need of a permanent place of worship was deemed necessary and on a visit by Simon Brute, first bishop of Vincennes, plans were laid for the church, and a plot of ground was purchased. Construction of an edifice began shortly after, the building being completed one year later. Divine services were held in the new church for the first time in October, 1838.

The parish continues today to contribute in large measure to the spiritual, social and cultural needs of the community. Testimony of this is given by the fact that many of its parishioners have risen to esteem and hold responsible positions in community affairs.

Although in its beginning the parish was predominately Irish, it has since grown to embrace descendants of all nationalities and covers an area which is bounded on the south by Washington Avenue, on the north by Eighth Avenue, on the east by the west side of Ninth Street, the west boundary being the Wabash River.

The parish has been guided down through the century by men who possessed a high degree of spirituality, learning and strength of purpose from its first pastor, Father Buteaux, to the present one, Father Pascal Murray, O. M. C.

A school is maintained in conjunction with the parish in which Catholic as well as secular instruction is given to pupils. Grades from primary department up to and including the eighth grade are taught by the Sisters of Providence. The school is supported by parishioners.

During the past year transaction was executed by which the parish acquired the property at Fifth and Walnut streets, where for many years stood St. Joseph Academy, occupied by the sisters who taught in the school and in St. Joseph Academy. The girls of the academy were transferred to Central Catholic High School, the sisters teaching in the school taking residence on Poplar Street between Fourth and Fifth streets. Also during the past year St. Joseph Academy was razed. Since no immediate need for the property was had it was landscaped and will be held for

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ley, Charles Daugherty and James Fagan.

Banns of marriage were called between the following couples: Paul Byrne Terhorst, Mary Elizabeth Baier; Walter Flak, Anna Puller; Charles Mulhearn, Anna Haggin; James Quinlan, Frances Rowe; Raymond Leonard, Maxine Scofield.

The male choir of St. Joseph's Church made up of twelve voices has received recognition for its fine singing of liturgical music and equally credited is the young ladies' choir. Miss Shirley Armstrong is organist and Frank Hanley is director.

ST. BENEDICT'S HAS LONG RECORD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Terre Haute's second oldest Catholic Parish is St. Benedict's, located at Ninth and Ohio streets. It was established in 1864 and grew from a small group of German Catholics who desired a church of their own.

Guiding the early destiny of this church were the Benedictine Fathers. The success of this church is largely due to the untiring labors of these zealous priests.

The parish is now in charge of the Franciscan Fathers of the Order of Minor Conventuals, who have administered to the spiritual needs of their congregation for many years. The Very Rev. Leonard Reich, O. M. C., who served as pastor from 1889 to 1892, is still enjoying fair health at the age of 94. His residence is in Rensselaer, N. Y.

Although misfortune, in the form of a conflagration, destroyed the interior of the beautiful edifice some years ago, the people and their pastor rebuilt the church until now it serves one of the largest congregations in the city. A difficulty of long standing has been the acoustical defect of the structure. Intelligibility in parts of the church has been due in part to the echoes and reverberation of voice sounds. During the past year an improvement of unexpected proportions has been affected through the installation of a Messmer super pulpit. This patented acoustical pulpit is equipped with a special sounding board of decorative casettes, an electrical amplification consisting of microphone and amplifiers, and two microphones installed near the altar which operate through the amplifier in the pulpit. By the use of this instrument, both in pulpit and at the altar, maximum intelligibility has been achieved throughout the church.

The Rev. Theodore Eickholtz, O. M. C., is the present pastor of the church. Assisting him is the Rev. Lucian Harkins, O. M. C.

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH SCHOOL SERVES SOUTHEAST.

On Sept. 9, 1940, St. Patrick's Parochial School opened its doors to 225 pupils. Thereby began the fifty-ninth scholastic year with eighty-five more students than in the first opening of the school in 1882. Numbers of pupils, however, is scarcely a fair comparison to make between the time of the school's inception and its present status. For as the city has grown and changed in two generations, so likewise have parish boundaries been changed and in the status of St. Patrick's have been diminished. During other years of its existence its student body has totaled even more than two hundred and twenty-five.

The first parochial school building was erected for St. Patrick's Parish on a plot of ground adjoining the site bought for St. Patrick's Parish plant. The original building was erected to the east of the church at Thirteenth and Poplar by the Sisters of Providence. Dedicated in 1882, the building was devoted to the educational needs of Catholic children in the southeast section of the growing city. The Rev. Thomas Logan was pastor, succeeded by the Rev. D. J. McMullen in 1883, who was followed by the Rev. Victor Schnell in 1885.

After eight years increased attendance rendered more space so imperative that Father Schnell erected another building and added to the old school. St. Patrick's High School was opened in 1893. It was continued and enlarged in the new building under the leadership of the Rev. James Delaney in 1923.

Although its territory was lessened by the erection of Saint Margaret-Mary's in 1921, yet Saint Patrick's grew in numbers; many of its families moved into the newly developed sections in the eastern part of the city. The center of population of the parish set itself east of the old location of the church. It became more inconvenient for the children to attend school at Thirteenth Street. The best interests of the parish required a more central location for its buildings.

In 1923 the Rev. James B. Delaney, who was appointed pastor in 1920, after the death of Father Schnell in 1919, purchased the extensive grounds from Nineteenth and Poplar, south to Oak Street. Here he planned the erection of the new Saint Patrick's. He erected the school in 1923 and the sisters' residence shortly after. But the combined circumstances of debt and depression left the erection of the church and rectory to a future generation. Father Delaney died in 1937.

The new school is a building of which the parish may well be proud. From 1923 to 1937 it housed the parish high school and grade school and now since 1937 houses the interparochial project, Central Catholic High School and Saint Patrick's grade school. Of Gothic architecture, the school is a fireproof structure, embodying all the features required by modern education in conformity with the state code. The main entrance to the building is from Nineteenth Street. There are other entrances, one at the north, and the other at the south of the building. The floors of the corridors and stairs are terrazza.

The first floor includes a gymnasium, kitchen and rooms designed for meetings. The upper floors are comprised of spacious corridors on either side of which are large well lighted classrooms. The administrative offices are on the second floor. A well stocked library is on the third floor. Here, too, besides four large classrooms is the children's chapel, instituted by the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Fintan Walker, who succeeded Father Delaney in 1937. In the children's chapel every morning at 8 o'clock, the pupils have the privilege of attending divine services before starting the school work of the day.

All classrooms are ventilated with indirect unit ventilators. The equipment generally embodies the most progressive ideas in school accessories. The primary department is furnished in home-like style with tables and chairs. The classroom floors are finished natural, sealed and waxed.

The Rev. Fintan Walker, Ph. D., is pastor and school superintendent. Sister Clementia is principal, assisted by the faculty, Sister Marie Monica, Sister Agnes Celeste, Sister Theresa Louise, Sister Mary Hilda, Sister Hermine. Sister Paula is in charge of the music department.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH HISTORY DATES FROM RECORDS OF 1876.

The first entry in St. Ann's parish records is dated Aug. 10, 1876, and is over the signature of the Rev. M. Quinlan, who on that day administered the first sacrament of baptism in the parish to John Cassedy. Father Quinlan was the first priest in charge of the nucelus of what was later to be the flourishing parish of St. Ann.

In March of the following year, 1877, the well remembered zealous and genial Rev. M. M. McEvoy of St. Joseph's Church was placed in charge of the Mission of St. Ann, and continued in the pastorate until October of 1878 when he was succeeded by the Rev. John McCabe, the first resident pastor of St. Ann's parish.

In August of 1885 Father McCabe was transferred to a parish in Davis County, Indiana, and was replaced by the Rev. John Ryves, coming from the pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Ind.

Father Ryves will long be remembered by all of the members of St. Ann's parish, for during his long pastorate it grew to its present proportions. All of the present buildings, the church and school, the rectory, auditorium and Sisters' convent, replacing some of the older buildings, were built or acquired by Father Ryves. Father Ryves was a man of great mental gifts and an eloquent speaker who exercised a great influence upon the lives of his parishioners, and owing to his interest in civic affairs, upon the city at large. He was greatly beloved by hs own flock and had many non-Catholic friends who admired his mental gifts, his genial and warm-hearted interest in his neighbors.

After completing the present auditorium, which was to be the foundation and basement of a greater edifice to be dedicated to the service of God under the patronage of St. Ann, his declining health forced him to resign his charge in the year 1928 after a long and useful pastorate of forty-three years. After his resignation he lived for four years among the people he had served so long and so faithfully.

The Rev. Joseph Duffy succeeded Father Ryves in July of 1928, but his pastorate was of short duration. He died March 7, 1932, four months before the death of his predecessor. Short as was his pastorate, it was long enough to cause deep sorrow at his passing. He, too, possessed those qualities of mind and heart of a great and good pastor and won the respect and love of all who knew him.

The present incumbent in the pastorate of St. Ann's parish, the Rev. Clement J. Thienes, succeeded Father Duffy, Sept. 1, 1932, coming from St. Margaret Mary's parish (Terre Haute) where he was pastor from the founding of that parish in 1920.

A debt of gratitude is due to the teaching order of the Sisters of Providence of St.-Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, from St. Ann's parish and from all of the other Catholic parishes in the city. These teachers have taught in the Parochial schools all the years these schools have existed. The high standing of our schools is due to their efficient and zealous labor. St. Ann's Grade School has 133 children in attendance.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS CENTER OF NORTH SIDE PARISH.

The place of the Sacred Heart parish among the established parishes of Terre Haute is not news to anyone who has made a study of its development, particularly its recent development. The Sacred Heart parish is numerically and territorially the largest in Terre Haute.

The realization of the dream of the Catholics of North Terre Haute came to pass when in 1923 his excellency, the late Bishop Chartrand, founded the parish of the Sacred Heart. At that time plans were made for the erection of the present combination building, the church, school and parish hall.

In the early part of the scholastic year the church properly underwent a complete renovation. Work was begun first in the church. The altar was remodeled and made liturgical. A new deep wine color velvet drapery has been hung back of it. An imitation canopy gives the appearance of greater depth to the niche in which the altar is placed. The panels at each side of the altar have been decorated and in the center of each is an eight-day sanctuary lamp. The new carpet is deeper in tone than the drapery. The entire church has been painted a two-tone light buff. The floors and the benches have all been revarnished. The radiators have been painted a light buff and each has a mahogany-stained steel shield. All the lights have been cleaned and the fixtures gilded. The old linoleum has been removed and in its place there is a mottled garnet-brown inlaid linoleum inlaid in squares. The entire school has been painted on the inside and all the woodwork revarnished.

It is of special interest to note the various organizations affiliated with the N. C. C. W. Catholic Action Movement. The High School Students' Club, which is in reality a Catholic Evidence Guild, has a notable and interested membership. The Young People's Club, which is pre-eminently social, directs the interests and the entertainments of the young people who are out of high school and who have entered college or who are engaged in the business world.

The Ladies' Altar Society is one of the most useful organizations in the parish. All the ladies of the parish are eligible for membership. The society has the privilege of providing for the sanctuary and sacristy needs. The periodic bake sales provide the society with the revenue needed for the upkeep of the altar.

The Mothers' Club was founded in the Fall of 1939. Its membership includes the mothers of the present and the former pupils. The scope of the club is limited to activities for the financial benefit of the school. Twice last year the Mothers' club presented the sisters with a check for $50.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, which attends to the needs of the poor in the parish, has done creditable work.

Lastly the parent organization of all the Parochial Catholic Action Movements, the National Council of Catholic Women, was organized last year and is functioning admirably.

The Rev. James McBarron is the pastor of Sacred Heart Church and the Rev. John Kraka is the assistant pastor. The school is conducted by the Sisters of Providence.

ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY.

The St. Margaret Mary School, located on the corner of Seventh and Voorhees streets, is a combination building of red buff brick. It contains the parish church, the parochial school and the parish hall.

The church, which has been lately redecorated, is very attractive and due to its zealous pastor, the Rev. Herbert F. Winterhalter, it is one of the best attended churches in Terre Haute.

The entire second floor of the building is devoted to the school. Most inspiring pictures and bulletin boards adorn the school corridor. There are four well lighted and perfectly equipped classrooms, each with a seating capacity of about forty students, where the 130 pupils enrolled this year receive a thorough education. There is also the

nucleus of what promises to be a very satisfactory library. Among the books used most frequently by the children are some late reference books just added to their collection.

The school is under the direction of the Sisters of Providence. Each teacher holds a life license from the state of Indiana. The course of study pursued is that prepared under the direction of the Rev. Leonard Wernsing for the parochial schools of the Indianapolis diocese. The music department is a source of great enjoyment as well as profit to the students. The rhythm bands especially are doing splendid work.

The large playground with its modern equipment adds much to the children's health and happiness. The monthly fire drills by faithful practice have been brought to a high standard. In one minute after the gong has been rung the building is entirely vacated.

The parish hall is the scene of varied activities, both social and educational. It serves as a lunch room where pupils are served milk daily. Lectures, recitals and special programs are held there.

The people of St. Margaret Mary parish are justly proud of their excellent school and they are deeply grateful to their kind pastor, who has been so untiring in his efforts to make it all it should be and is.

WEST TERRE HAUTE SERVED BY ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH.

The Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman, in 1910, at the direction of the Most Rev. Francis Silas Chartard, D. D., made a survey of the town of Macksville, later named West Terre Haute, and the surrounding territory from the Wabash River west to the state line, which was then a part of St. Joseph's parish, Terre Haute.

From the results of this survey a new parish was started and given the name of St. Leonard of Port Maurice.

After considering several different locations in the town of West Terre Haute, property was purchased on North Eighth Street, and plans begun for the erection of buildings to take care of the needs of the newly organized parish. From the time the parish was organized until property was purchased and buildings erected, mass was celebrated in the home of John Gropp on Riggy Avenue. After a few changes had been made in a house on the property purchased by the parish, a school was opened in this building in 1911. In November of this same year a new brick building on North Eighth Street was completed, which was to serve both as church and school. On Nov. 19, 1911, the holy sacrifice of the mass was offered for the first time in the new building, and the section set aside for school purposes was occupied. Miss Lillian Johnson, who afterward became a sister of the Order of Providence, taught school at this time. The following year the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods began teaching school in this school, which they have continued to do since that time. The school consists of rooms on the first floor of the brick building, which can accommodate 100 children. Sister Benedicta is the present superior.

The second floor of the building which was dedicated May 5, 1912, by the Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, D. D., is used for church services and is large enough to take care of the parish since it was started. Consequently no special building was ever erected.

The basement of the church and school building has been so arranged so as to afford a convenient place to accommodate the social activities of the parish.

Through the co-operation of the people of the parish and with the generous assistance of the people of Terre Haute and the surrounding communities Father Hoffman was able to take care of the spiritual needs of the people of St. Leonard's parish for seventeen years.

In 1928 Father Hoffman was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Kabey, who was pastor of St. Leonard's until June of 1931, when the Rev. Urban Sonderman was placed in charge of the parish. In June of 1934 Father Sonderman was succeeded by the Rev. Pierce Dixon, who was in charge of the parish until February of 1937, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Wagner, the present pastor.

Although the parish was never large, through the generosity of the people of Terre Haute and the surrounding communities, it has been possible for St. Leonard's Parish to serve the spiritual needs of the people for the last thirty some years.

future use.

Repairs to the church and school were made, the church being tuck-pointed and the woodwork repainted. In the school the floors were refinished and some redecorating done. The school yard itself resurfaced. Despite the fact of the extensive improvements to church properties the church debt was reduced by $1,000.

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Catholic Churches of City Have Long Historical Development

Catholicity in this community of Terre Haute dates virtually from the founding of the city and during this time has played an integral part in the community life of the city. The establishment of the first church was brought about by the Most Rev. Simon Brute, the first Bishop of Vincennes, a scholarly and saintly Frenchman, the original deed for the lot upon which the first St. Joseph's Church was built being dated Jan. 12, 1837.

Until the year, 1864, St. Joseph's Church was the only Catholic church in Terre Haute, being followed in that year, however, by St. Benedict's Church, established by a small group of earnest German Catholics of the city. Two years later another parish was created to serve the northeast part of the city, being called St. Ann's.

Again in 1881 Terre Haute saw another church founded in the city, this parish, in the east part of the city bearing the name of St. Patrick. Not until 1911 was another parish established, in that year St. Leonard's parish being created to serve the people of West Terre Haute.

The city proper did not see another parish until the dedication of the St. Margaret Mary Church in 1921, this parish being created to serve the south part of Terre Haute. Most recent of the city's parishes is that of Sacred Heart Parish, first services in the Sacred Heart Church being held in February, 1924.

The history of Catholicity in Terre Haute is most perfectly exemplified in the lives of the priests who have labored here and in the devotion of the people, this history being further given in the histories of the parishes which are presented hereafter individually.

St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's Church, located on South Fifth Street between Ohio and Walnut streets, has often been termed the "mother" church of Catholicism in Terre Haute. The reason for this is that it was the first church of this faith to be organized in the city. Two years have passed since the parish celebrated its centennial.

In its history, published during the celebration, one notes the names of many pastors who have served the church since its inception. Each has contributed much to the growth and progress of Catholicity, not only in religious services but also in the social functions.

The first definite plans for the establishment of St. Joseph's Church were made by Bishop Brute when he visited Terre Haute in January, 1837. Later in the same year the construction of the church was begun under the direction of Father Stanislaus Buteux. The solemn dedication took place in the Summer of 1840.

The first church contained two double rows of twelve pews each, making in all forty-eight pews. During the pastorate of Father Lalumiere, the first resident pastor, the parish grew very rapidly. In 1853 an addition was made to the church, allowing for an increase of fifty-two pews. At this time also the rectory property was purchased and a frame building erected thereon.

After the death of Father Lalumiere in 1857, until 1860, the parish was under the ministration of Fathers Di Maria, Beckwith and Horstman of the Society of Jesus. These were succeeded by the Benedictine Fathers who served Saint Joseph's until the appointment of Father John Chasse in 1866. Extensive improvements marked the pastorate of Father Chasse. A vestibule, new front, enlarged windows and tower with steeple were added to the church.

Since 1872 Saint Joseph's has been under the paternal care of the Franciscans—Friars Minor Conventual. Father McEvoy, who still lives in the memory of many of the parishioners, had the distinction of having the longest period of priestly service in the history of the parish—twenty-three years as assistant and pastor. The parish school and rectory still remain as principal achievements of his material administration.

Father Camillus Eichenlaub became pastor in 1905. During his pastorate the present church was erected. The work of tearing down the old church was begun in August, 1910. The cornerstone of the new one was laid in November, 1910, and the church was dedicated in May, 1912.

Succeeding Father Camillus came Father Nicholas Donohoe, who served the parish so self-sacrificingly for seventeen years. Through his efforts the necessary large debt following the building of the church was entirely liquidated.

In 1933 the present pastor, Father Pascal Murray, was appointed. Father Murray is assisted by Father Roderick Orlans, O. M. C. A few months after Father Pascal's appointment the church was considerably damaged by a fire, which took place in January, 1934. The rebuilding of the interior of the church was at once begun and eleven months later, December, 1934, the reop 'ng of the church took place. It is simple in detail, yet dignified and bears the atmosphere of devotion.

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The parish is now in charge of the Franciscan father of the Order of Minor Conventuals, who have administered to the spiritual needs of their congregation for many years.

Although misfortune, in the form of a conflagration, destroyed the interior of the beautiful edifice some years ago, the people and their pastor rebuilt the church until now it serves one of the largest congregations in the city.

The Rev. Pius Kotterer, O. M. C., was the first Franciscan to arrive in Terre Haute to take charge of the parish. He continued in the pastorate from March, 1872, to October, 1877. The Rev. Theodore Eickholtz, O. M. C., is the present pastor of the church. Assisting him is the Rev. Ralph Uranar, O. M. C.

St. Ann's.

The need of a church in the northeastern section of the city brought about the establishment of St. Ann's Church, which is located at 1402 East Locust Street. The Rev. Michael Quinlan is credited with the organizing of this parish in 1866. He also became its first pastor. He relinquished his charge of the parish and it was attended by the pastor and assistants of St. Joseph's Church.

The widely known and beloved Rev. John Ryves, deceased, was appointed pastor of the church in July, 1885. He served in this capacity until 1928, having been rector of the parish for forty-three years. It was under his supervision that the present combination of church and school was erected in 1908.

Upon Father Ryves' retirement he was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Duffy. Father Duffy's labors terminated with his death in 1932.

The vacancy caused by the death of Father Duffy was filled by the Rev. Clement Thienes in September of 1932. Father Thienes continues as pastor and he is assisted by the Rev. Anthony Conway.

St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Church, located at Thirteenth and Poplar streets, was established in 1881. The construction of the church was in charge of the Rev. Thomas X. Logan.

The Rev. Victor A. Schell became pastor in 1885 and under his wise and able guidance the parish grew rapidly. Father Schnell soon endeared himself to Terre Hauteans from all creeds and walks of life. He continued as pastor of the church for twenty-four years. Upon his death in 1919 the administration of church duties was placed in charge of the Very Rev. James B. Delaney. While pastor Father Dulaney purchased a site for and erected a beautiful school on South Nineteenth Street which since has grown until it is considered one of the outstanding educational institutions of the city.

Father Delaney, who served the people of St. Patrick's parish for nearly a quarter of a century, was followed by the Very Rev. Finton Walker, Ph. D. Since Father Walker has become pastor of the 375 families various improvements in both church and school have been made. There are two assistant pastors at St. Patrick's Church. They are the Rev. Patrick Gleason and the Rev. Donald Coakley.

Sacred Heart Parish.

Serving residents of the more northernly limits of the city is Sacred Heart parish. The present site for the buildings was purchased in December, 1921.

The Rev. Aloysius Duffy, who at the time of the organization of this parish was assistant pastor of St. Ann's Church, received the commission for the establishment of a church at this location.

Services were first held in the church in February of 1924. The parish has grown from sixty families to approximately 300 families. This is due to the tireless efforts of former pastors and their assistants.

Guiding the spiritual and material welfare of Sacred Heart Church at the present time is the Rev. James Moore. He is the fifth pastor of the parish. Father Moore is not a stranger to people of this city. He served as assistant pastor at St. Ann's Church from June, 1928, until September, 1932. His appointment to the pastorate of Sacred Heart Parish in June, 1929, was received with pleasure. The Rev. John Kraka is the assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

St. Margaret Mary Church.

Receiving a commission from the Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, D. D., late bishop of Indianapolis, the Rev. Clement J. Thienes set about to organize a parish in the south part of the city. This was later to become known as St. Margaret Mary Church.

A meeting at the home of James J. Fagan was called and attending this were many men of prominence. Among them were J. E. Milks, A. Staderman and George Roehm. The parish was organized from families living in St. Joseph and St. Patrick parishes and included all Catholics south of Washington Avenue and west of the C. & E. I. Railroad.

After canvassing the territory for a good location, the present site was chosen and through the assistance of John M. Fitzgerald was purchased.

Services were held in the house located on the property. The first service beginning with midnight mass on Christmas of 1920. In September of 1921 the new building to house the church and school was completed. The parish flourished under the able guidance of the Rev. Father Thienes.

In September, 1932, Father Thienes assumed charge of St. Ann's Church and was succeeded by the Rev. Leo Creeden. Father Creeden was succeeded by the Rev. Father H. Winterhalter, who is the present pastor of the church.

St. Leonard's.

The Catholic community of West Terre Haute is served by he Rev. C. H. Wagner. He is pastor of St. Leonard's Parish, which was dedicated on May 5, 1912.

The parish of St. Leonard was founded by the Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman after the necessity of such was recognized by the Most Rev. Bishop of the diocese.

Previous to the establishment of this parish Catholics of the vicinity journeyed to Terre Haute or St. Mary-of-the-Woods for divine services. After preliminary plans were made for a parish church mass was celebrated each Sunday at the home of John R. Groop, Riggy Avenue.

Ill health took from the members of the parish their beloved pastor. It was necessary to place Father Hoffman in a climate more conducive to health. He was succeeded by the Rev Charles Kabey. In 1931 Father Kabey was succeeded by the Rev. Urban Sonderman, after which came the Rev. Pierce Dixon who preceded the present pastor, the Rev. Charles A. Wagner.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL WILL OPEN SESSIONS MONDAY

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The Terre Haute council, Indianapolis diocesan council of National Council of Catholic Women, will act as hostess for the third annual convention of that body which will open Monday morning with a solemn high mass at St. Benedict's church, with the Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, D. D., bishop of Indianapolis, present and the Rev. August R. Fussenegger as celebrant.

Approximately 1,000 women and clergy will be in attendance. The registration will be held in the lobby of the Terre Haute House at 9:30 o'clock and the business session will open in the Mayflower Room at 10 o'clock with the diocesan president, Mrs. Rollin A. Turner, of Indianapolis, presiding.

Mrs. Turner is an outstanding woman in her community and in the council.

The opening prayer will be given by Bishop Ritter D. D., after which the convention will be formally opened by reports and a roll call of districts embodied in the diocesan group and the reports of the presidents of each.

Each individual parish in Terre Haute and in other communities of the diocese has its own president and the responsibility of the work of the organization rests with them and their individual parish group. She has her own staff of vice presidents, treasurer, secretary and chairmen of the various committees, so that the membership includes the women in every parish.

Mrs. D. L. Harmon is the district president here. She is a most capable one, wife of Dr. D. L. Harmon, professor of physics of St. Mary-of-the-Woods college. She has four daughters and two sons.

She is a native of St. Mary's village and she has been engaged in the N. C. C. W. work since its organization in this district. She was vice president of the Terre Haute district before serving as president.

Her eldest daughter, Maryellen, is a music student at St. Mary-of-the-Woods college and she is pianist for the St. Mary-of-the-Woods ensemble. She has been actively engaged in arranging for the convention as president of the host city.

Mrs. Fred Mohr is the recording secretary. She was the first president of the local council and she is very active in the club and welfare work of Terre Haute.

Mrs. Frank J. Crawford is the diocesan youth chairman. She has been active in the organization since its inception. She served the first two years as a director at large. Mrs. Crawford is president of the Child Welfare association in Terre Haute, an organization which she has carried on most successfully since almost the beginning here serving without pay, as are the other officers. She is active in the Woman's Department club and other groups.

Miss Gertrude Osborn has for two years been a member of the board as diocesan director at large in the Terre Haute district. She starts her third year this year. She is very active in church and charity work. She is a worker in the St. Vincent de Paul Guild and the St. Elizabeth society. These women will be assisted in the entertainment by a number of local women from each parish.

The Right Rev. Monsignor John J. Leven, spiritual director, Peoria, Ill., diocesan council, to deliver address at luncheon Monday at 12:30 o'clock at convention of N. C. C. W

The vice presidents of the diocese are Mrs. Thomas J. Murphy, Indianapolis; Mrs. Edward P. Bober, Aurora; Mrs. Edward Helsley, Evansville; Mrs. Grace Bateman, West Baden, Mrs. A. E. Weldeer of Jeffersonville, who with Mrs. Harmon compose the line up. Mrs. Marie Lex of Evansville is the treasurer; Miss Hazel Alexander, Franklin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Albert Smith, Indianapolis, auditor, all of whom will be present at the sessions.

This organization is national in its scope and it is an integral part of the National Catholic Welfare conference organization composed of the archbishops and bishops of the United Statees. The National Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Men constitute the lay department of the conference.

The programs of this convention will at each session have inspirational talks. Monday morning there will be sectional meetings held with the committee chairman presiding and reports on organization on press and publicity, welfare confraternity of Christian doctrine study clubs, missions, library literature and literary study clubs, youth and rural life will be heard and the work accomplished in each.

Bishop Ritter, D. D., will preside at the luncheon served in the Mayflower Room at 12:30 o'clock, with the Very Rev. Clement Thienes giving the invocation.

An address will be given at that time by the Very Rev. Monsignor John J. Leven, who is pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, Ill., as well as spiritual director of the National Council of Catholic Women. His topic will be "Catholic Womanhood in a Changing World."

The Rev. August R. Fussenegger, who is the spiritual director of the Indianapolis Diocesan Council, N. C. C. W., will be present. He is also Diocesan director of charities and at a recent meeting in Houston, Tex., he was elected national chairman of the Diocesan directors of charities.

The Rev. William A. Lautner will present St. Vincent's School band at the opening of the afternoon session.

A model meeting will be staged by

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the Bloomington Council, with the Rev. Thomas Kilfoil directing.

The address of his excellency, the most reverend bishop, is an awaited for event which will be given the last thing in the afternoon session and his general outline will present the need at this time for a united, virtuous Catholic womanhood.

There will be an election held with the nominating committee presenting the slate of officers, and with the voting for the official delegates to be accomplished from 10:30 to 12:15, in a booth arranged on the mezzanine floor.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods' ensemble, which group will offer a program is composed of Miss Margaret Gintu, violin; Miss Martha Jane Sexton, flute; Miss Josephine Monticello, oboe; Miss Constance Matteson, clarinet; Miss Anna Marie Shurig, harp, and Miss Maryellen Harmon at the piano. They will be heard at the luncheon.

A point regarding the luncheon, which the committee wishes understood, is that tables will so be arranged so the women employed, first so that they may return to their employment on time.

The different committees who have the entertainment of the visitors in charge are as follows:

General Committee—Mrs. Daniel L. Harmon, chairman; Mrs. Fred Mohr, Mrs. Frank J. Crawford, Miss Gertrude Osborne, Mrs. Charles Hanley, Miss Mary Ann Roach, Mrs. Walter Wible, Mrs. James J. Fagan, Miss Elizabeth Ward, Mrs. E. W. McCullough, Miss Esther Hagan and Mrs. Francis Schabel.

Registration Committee — Mrs. Frank J. Crawford, chairman; Mrs. Russell Wilson.

Reception Committee—Mrs. Fred Mohr, chairman; Mrs. Clem Jennings, co-chairman; Mrs. F. McIntyre, Mrs. Carl Moeller, Mrs. Tim O'Leary, Mrs. Bernard Bisch, Mrs. George Barnes, Mrs. Con Coakley, Mrs. Harry Terhorst, Miss Margaret Sheridan, Mrs. Hannah Murray, Mrs. Margaret Feld, Mrs. O. H. Statz, Mrs. Walter Tully, Mrs. John Valle and Miss Gertrude Osborne.

Committee on Reservations—Mrs. Francis Schabel, chairman; Miss Mary Ann Roach, Mrs. James J. Fagan, Mrs. Jack Huskey, Mrs. John Downs and Mrs. Ed. Holmes.

Luncheon Committee — Mrs. E. W. McCullough, chairman; Mrs. Wm. Kivits, co-chairman; Mrs. E. J. Bashe, Mrs. Charles O'Leary and Mrs. John Kelly.

Speakers For Catholic Women's Diocesan Convention Today

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, D. D., honorary president, will deliver an address at the close of the afternoon session of the convention opening Monday by the Indianapolis Diocesan Council, N. C. C. W. He will be on the throne at the solemn high mass, 8:30 a. m., St. Benedict's church.

Mrs. Rollin Turner, Indianapolis president Diocesan Council N. C. C. W., who will preside at sessions of convention opening in Terre Haute Monday morning.

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Catholic Churches Perform Work Of Importance In Community

THE Catholic churches of every community in the United States can be found taking full part in the advancement of the community. Splendid clergymen, possessing knowledge and zeal, work earnestly for the good of their parishes and at the same time strive to serve their respective communities in every possible way. The principles and doctrines of the Catholic faith prepare its communicants for citizenship after the precepts of Christianity and in this way build for the future of the communities in which its churches are located.

Terre Haute's Catholic churches have played important roles in the development of this community which grew from a small river-side settlement to be the important industrial, commercial and cultural center of the Wabash Valley. The good will toward men and the friendly attitude of citizenship with men of all faiths predominates in this city. Following are brief accounts of the activities of the Catholic parishes of Terre Haute:

CENTURY-OLD ST. JOSEPH'S WAS CITY'S FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Joseph's Church has occupied a place in the growth of the city for more than a century, rightly deserving the title, "Cradle of Catholicism in Terre Haute," for it was the first church of this faith to be established here. This followed closely the platting of Terre Haute in 1816. Twenty-one years after the city's beginning, Catholicity having gained a firm foundation, the need of a permanent place of worship was deemed necessary and on a visit by Simon Brute, first bishop of Vincennes, plans were laid for the church, and a plot of ground was purchased. Construction of an edifice began shortly after, the building being completed one year later. Divine services were held in the new church for the first time in October, 1838.

The parish continues today to contribute in large measure to the spiritual, social and cultural needs of the community. Testimony of this is given by the fact that many of its parishioners have risen to esteem and hold responsible positions in community affairs.

Although in its beginning the parish was predominately Irish, it has since grown to embrace descendants of all nationalities and covers an area which is bounded on the south by Washington Avenue, on the north by Eighth Avenue, on the east by the west side of Ninth Street, the west boundary being the Wabash River.

The parish has been guided down through the century by men who possessed a high degree of spirituality, learning and strength of purpose from its first pastor, Father Buteaux, to the present one, Father Pascal Murray, O. M. C.

A school is maintained in conjunction with the parish in which Catholic as well as secular instruction is given to pupils. Grades from primary department up to and including the eighth grade are taught by the Sisters of Providence. The school is supported by parishioners.

During the past year transaction was executed by which the parish acquired the property at Fifth and Walnut streets, where for many years stood St. Joseph Academy, occupied by the sisters who taught in the school and in St. Joseph Academy. The girls of the academy were transferred to Central Catholic High School, the sisters teaching in the school taking residence on Poplar Street between Fourth and Fifth streets. Also during the past year St. Joseph Academy was razed. Since no immediate need for the property was had it was landscaped and will be held for future use.

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Banns of marriage were called between the following couples: Paul Byrne Terhorst, Mary Elizabeth Baier; Walter Flak, Anna Puller; Charles Mulhearn, Anna Haggin; James Quinlan, Frances Rowe; Raymond Leonard, Maxine Scofield.

The male choir of St. Joseph's Church made up of twelve voices has received recognition for its fine singing of liturgical music and equally credited is the young ladies' choir. Miss Shirley Armstrong is organist and Frank Hanley is director.

ST. BENEDICT'S HAS LONG RECORD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

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consisting of microphone and amplifiers, and two microphones installed near the altar which operate through the amplifier in the pulpit. By the use of this instrument, both in pulpit and at the altar, maximum intelligibility has been achieved throughout the church.

The Rev. Theodore Eickholtz, O. M. C., is the present pastor of the church. Assisting him is the Rev. Lucian Harkins, O. M. C.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH SCHOOL SERVES SOUTHEAST.

On Sept. 9, 1940, St. Patrick's Parochial School opened its doors to 225 pupils. Thereby began the fifty-ninth scholastic year with eighty-five more students than in the first opening of the school in 1882. Numbers of pupils, however, is scarcely a fair comparison to make between the time of the school's inception and its present status. For as the city has grown and changed in two generations, so likewise have parish boundaries been changed and in the status of St. Patrick's have been diminished. During other years of its existence its student body has totaled even more than two hundred and twenty-five.

The first parochial school building was erected for St. Patrick's Parish on a plot of ground adjoining the site bought for St. Patrick's Parish plant. The original building was erected to the east of the church at Thirteenth and Poplar by the Sisters of Providence. Dedicated in 1882, the building was devoted to the educational needs of Catholic children in the southeast section of the growing city. The Rev. Thomas Logan was pastor, succeeded by the Rev. D. J. McMullen in 1883, who was followed by the Rev. Victor Schnell in 1885.

After eight years increased attendance rendered more space so imperative that Father Schnell erected another building and added to the old school. St. Patrick's High School was opened in 1893. It was continued and enlarged in the new building under the leadership of the Rev. James Delaney in 1923.

Although its territory was lessened by the erection of Saint Margaret-Mary's in 1921, yet Saint Patrick's grew in numbers; many of its families moved into the newly developed sections in the eastern part of the city. The center of population of the parish set itself east of the old location of the church. It became more inconvenient for the children to attend school at Thirteenth Street. The best interests of the parish required a more central location for its buildings.

In 1923 the Rev. James B. Delaney, who was appointed pastor in 1920, after the death of Father Schnell in 1919, purchased the extensive grounds from Nineteenth and Poplar, south to Oak Street. Here he planned the erection of the new Saint Patrick's. He erected the school in 1923 and the sisters' residence shortly after. But the combined circumstances of debt and depression left the erection of the church and rectory to a future generation. Father Delaney died in 1937.

The new school is a building of which the parish may well be proud. From 1923 to 1937 it housed the parish high school and grade school and now since 1937 houses the interparochial project, Central Catholic High School and Saint Patrick's grade school. Of Gothic architecture, the school is a fireproof structure, embodying all the features required by modern education in conformity with the state code. The main entrance to the building is from Nineteenth Street. There are other entrances, one at the north, and the other at the south of the building. The floors of the corridors and ...rs are terrazza.

The first floor includes a gymna...m, kitchen and rooms designed ... meetings. The upper floors are ...nprised of spacious corridors on ...ner side of which are large well ...hted classrooms. The administra...e offices are on the second floor. ... well stocked library is on the ...rd floor. Here, too, besides four ...ge classrooms is the children's ...apel, instituted by the present ...stor, the Rev. Dr. Fintan Walker, ...o succeeded Father Delaney in ...7. In the children's chapel every ...rning at 8 o'clock, the pupils ...ve the privilege of attending ...ine services before starting the ...ool work of the day.

...ll classrooms are ventilated with ...irect unit ventilators. The equip...nt generally embodies the most ...gressive ideas in school acces...ies. The primary department is ...nished in home-like style with ...les and chairs. The classroom ...ors are finished natural, sealed ...d waxed.

The Rev. Fintan Walker, Ph. R., pastor and school superintendent. ...ster Clementia is principal, as...ted by the faculty, Sister Marie ...nica, Sister Agnes Celeste, Sister ...eresa Louise, Sister Mary Hilda, ...ster Hermine. Sister Paula is in ...arge of the music department.

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The first entry in St. Ann's parish ...cords is dated Aug. 10, 1876, and ...over the signature of the Rev. M. ...inlan, who on that day admin...ered the first sacrament of bap...m in the parish to John Cassedy. ...ther Quinlan was the first priest ... charge of the nucelus of what ...s later to be the flourishing par...h of St. Ann.

In March of the following year, ...77, the well remembered zealous ...d genial Rev. M. M. McEvoy of ... Joseph's Church was placed in ...arge of the Mission of St. Ann, ...d continued in the pastorate until ...tober of 1878 when he was suc...eded by the Rev. John McCabe, ...e first resident pastor of St. Ann's ...rish.

In August of 1885 Father McCabe ...s transferred to a parish in Davis ...unty, Indiana, and was replaced ... the Rev. John Ryves, coming ...om the pastorate of St. Mary's ...urch, Richmond, Ind.

Father Ryves will long be remem...ered by all of the members of St. ...nn's parish, for during his long ...storate it grew to its present ...oportions. All of the present ...ildings, the church and school, ...e rectory, auditorium and Sis...rs' convent, replacing some of the ...der buildings, were built or ac...uired by Father Ryves. Father ...yves was a man of great mental ...fts and an eloquent speaker who ...ercised a great influence upon the ...es of his parishioners, and owing ... his interest in civic affairs, upon ...e city at large. He was greatly ...loved by hs own flock and had ...any non-Catholic friends who ...mired his mental gifts, his genial ...d warm-hearted interest in his ...eighbors.

After completing the present ...ditorium, which was to be the ...undation and basement of a ...eater edifice to be dedicated to ...e service of God under the patron...e of St. Ann, his declining health ...ced him to resign his charge in ...e year 1928 after a long and use...l pastorate of forty-three years. ...ter his resignation he lived for ...ur years among the people he had ...ved so long and so faithfully.

The Rev. Joseph Duffy succeeded Father Ryves in July of 1928, but his pastorate was of short duration. He died March 7, 1932, four months before the death of his predecessor. Short as was his pastorate, it was long enough to cause deep sorrow at his passing. He, too, possessed those qualities of mind and heart of a great and good pastor and won the respect and love of all who knew him.

The present incumbent in the pastorate of St. Ann's parish, the Rev. Clement J. Thienes, succeeded Father Duffy, Sept. 1, 1932, coming from St. Margaret Mary's parish (Terre Haute) where he was pastor from the founding of that parish in 1920.

A debt of gratitude is due to the teaching order of the Sisters of Providence of St.-Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, from St. Ann's parish and from all of the other Catholic parishes in the city. These teachers have taught in the Parochial schools all the years these schools have existed. The high standing of our schools is due to their efficient and zealous labor. St. Ann's Grade School has 153 children in attendance.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS CENTER OF NORTH SIDE PARISH.

The place of the Sacred Heart parish among the established parishes of Terre Haute is not news to anyone who has made a study of its development, particularly its recent development. The Sacred Heart parish is numerically and territorially the largest in Terre Haute.

The realization of the dream of the Catholics of North Terre Haute came to pass when in 1923 his excellency, the late Bishop Chartrand, founded the parish of the Sacred Heart. At that time plans were made for the erection of the present combination building, the church, school and parish hall.

In the early part of the scholastic year the church properly underwent a complete renovation. Work was begun first in the church. The altar was remodeled and made liturgical. A new deep wine color velvet drapery has been hung back of it. An imitation canopy gives the

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appearance of greater depth to the niche in which the altar is placed. The panels at each side of the altar have been decorated and in the center of each is an eight-day sanctuary lamp. The new carpet is deeper in tone than the drapery. The entire church has been painted a two-tone light buff. The floors and the benches have all been revarnished. The radiators have been painted a light buff and each has a mahogany-stained steel shield. All the lights have been cleaned and the fixtures gilded. The old linoleum has been removed and in its place there is a mottled garnet-brown inlaid linoleum inlaid in squares. The entire school has been painted on the inside and all the woodwork revarnished.

It is of special interest to note the various organizations affiliated with the N. C. C. W. Catholic Action Movement. The High School Students' Club, which is in reality a Catholic Evidence Guild, has a notable and interested membership. The Young People's Club, which is pre-eminently social, directs the interests and the entertainments of the young people who are out of high school and who have entered college or who are engaged in the business world.

The Ladies' Altar Society is one of the most useful organizations in the parish. All the ladies of the parish are eligible for membership. The society has the privilege of providing for the sanctuary and sacristy needs. The periodic bake sales provide the society with the revenue needed for the upkeep of the altar.

The Mothers' Club was founded in the Fall of 1939. Its membership includes the mothers of the present and the former pupils. The scope of the club is limited to activities for the financial benefit of the school. Twice last year the Mothers' club presented the sisters with a check for $50.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, which attends to the needs of the poor in the parish, has done creditable work.

Lastly the parent organization of all the Parochial Catholic Action Movements, the National Council of Catholic Women, was organized last year and is functioning admirably.

The Rev. James McBarron is the pastor of Sacred Heart Church and the Rev. John Kraka is the assistant pastor. The school is conducted by the Sisters of Providence.

ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY.

The St. Margaret Mary School, located on the corner of Seventh and Voorhees streets, is a combination building of red buff brick. It contains the parish church, the parochial school and the parish hall.

The church, which has been lately redecorated, is very attractive and due to its zealous pastor, the Rev. Herbert F. Winterhalter, it is one of the best attended churches in Terre Haute.

The entire second floor of the building is devoted to the school. Most inspiring pictures and bulletin boards adorn the school corridor. There are four well lighted and perfectly equipped classrooms, each with a seating capacity of about forty students, where the 130 pupils enrolled this year receive a thorough education. There is also the nucleus of what promises to be a very satisfactory library. Among the books used most frequently by the children are some late reference books just added to their collection.

The school is under the direction of the Sisters of Providence. Each teacher holds a life license from the state of Indiana. The course of study pursued is that prepared under the direction of the Rev. Leonard Wernsing for the parochial schools of the Indianapolis diocese. The music department is a source of great enjoyment as well as profit to the students. The rhythm bands especially are doing splendid work.

The large playground with its modern equipment adds much to the children's health and happiness. The monthly fire drills by faithful practice have been brought to a high standard. In one minute after the gong has been rung the building is entirely vacated.

The parish hall is the scene of varied activities, both social and educational. It serves as a lunch room where pupils are served milk daily. Lectures, recitals and special programs are held there.

The people of St. Margaret Mary parish are justly proud of their excellent school and they are deeply grateful to their kind pastor, who has been so untiring in his efforts to make it all it should be and is.

WEST TERRE HAUTE SERVED BY ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH.

The Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman, in 1910, at the direction of the Most Rev. Francis Silas Chartard, D. D., made a survey of the town of Macksville, later named West Terre Haute, and the surrounding territory from the Wabash River west to the state line, which was then a part of St. Joseph's parish, Terre Haute.

From the results of this survey a new parish was started and given the name of St. Leonard of Port Maurice.

After considering several different locations in the town of West Terre Haute, property was purchased on North Eighth Street, and plans begun for the erection of buildings to take care of the needs of the newly organized parish. From the time the parish was organized until property was purchased and buildings erected, mass was celebrated in the home of John Gropp on Riggy Avenue. After a few changes had been made in a house on the property purchased by the parish, a school was opened in this building in 1911. In November of this same year a new brick building on North Eighth Street was completed, which was to serve both as church and school. On Nov. 19, 1911, the holy sacrifice of the mass was offered for the first time in the new building, and the section set aside for school purposes was occupied. Miss Lillian Johnson, who afterward became a sister of the Order of Providence, taught school at this time. The following year the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods began teaching school in this school, which they have continued to do since that time. The school consists of rooms on the first floor of the brick building, which can accommodate 100 children. Sister Benedicta is the present superior.

The second floor of the building which was dedicated May 5, 1912, by the Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand, D. D., is used for church services and is large enough to take care of the parish since it was started. Consequently no special building was ever erected.

The basement of the church and school building has been so arranged so as to afford a convenient place to accommodate the social activities of the parish.

Through the co-operation of the people of the parish and with the generous assistance of the people of Terre Haute and the surrounding communities Father Hoffman was able to take care of the spiritual needs of the people of St. Leonard's parish for seventeen years.

In 1928 Father Hoffman was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Kabey, who was pastor of St. Leonard's until June of 1931, when the Rev. Urban Sonderman was placed in charge of the parish. In June of 1934 Father Sonderman was succeeded by the Rev. Pierce Dixon, who was in charge of the parish until February of 1937, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Wagner, the present pastor.

Although the parish was never large, through the generosity of the people of Terre Haute and the surrounding communities, it has been possible for St. Leonard's Parish to serve the spiritual needs of the people for the last thirty some years.

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Historian Recounts Religious Events In Pioneer Terre Haute

By Gertrude Cronin.

THAT AUTHORITY on things historical—Mr. A. R. Markle spoke today to the students of St. Patrick's School. Mr. Markle addressed the assembled group on "Early Catholic History."

According to Mr. Markle the first trace of Catholic influence in Terre Haute was a little Indian baby, who was christened by a priest with a name signifying his birthdate, Christmas Dagnette. His father was a French trapper, and his mother the sister of Joceo, Chief of the Wea tribe. Reference to Dagnette is made in the letters and other historical materials of President Harrison. Christmas' father had been far away from home searching for game, and early in the Spring the Padre came and married the parents. The child had been christened, as in those days the welfare of the child was paramount.

The next reference to things Catholic was when the Bishop came through here in 1837. This marked the first time mass had been said in Terre Haute. Judge Farrington and his family lived at Third and Wabash streets. Living with them was a Mrs. Williams, a Catholic, and at the judge's suggestion the double parlor of the Farrington home was made to serve as a chapel. There were then eight persons of this faith living in Terre Haute.

When the nuns came from France to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, they had already sent money to the Bishop in order that he might purchase the land for them. According to sister's memoirs, "Good farmer Thralls took us in."

According to Mr. Markle, the oldest church building in Terre Haute is St. Joseph's, the construction of which was started in 1838. The oldest business site is that of the Maumee Collieries.

In announcing the first dedication of the church, the priest said:

"The pastor would be remiss in his duties if he did not at this time thank the people of Terre Haute who, regardless of their race or religion, contributed so liberally to building this, our first Catholic church."

At the time the dioramas were constructed in the museum at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Mr. Markle assisted in assembling historical research materials. In appreciation, Sister Mary Borremo presented him with a figurine similar to those used in the diorama panels.

Last night at the meeting of the historical society a man approached Mr. Markle who claimed to have worked at the Markle mill at the time of the fire. He said he was making a blueprint of the original mill.

Said Mr. Markle, "I await with much interest the completion of that blueprint of the original Markle mill, for it is hoped that at some future date the mill may be rebuilt."

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One hundred years ago this month a notation of historic interest to the members of St. Joseph parish was written in the old, now yellowing book of deeds in the Vigo county court house recording the first transfers of property in the town of Terre Haute.

The item bears the date Jan. 12, 1837, and describes the transaction and the terms in the purchase of the city lot No. 10 by "one Simon Gabriel Bruti of the county of Knox." This Mr. Bruti was the Rt. Rev. Simon Bruti, the first bishop of Vincennes, a gentle, saintly, scholarly Frenchmen. The bishop had bought the property from Lucius H. Scott and James Wasson "in consideration of the sum of $500 current money of the United States to them in hand." The two gentlemen, being the highest bidders at a sale, had a few months before paid Sheriff Jones $350 for the lot.

The little town on the Wabash, though not yet 21 years old—it had been surveyed and plotted only in 1816—was already flourishing and its population increasing rapidly. Among its early settlers were several Irish Catholic families, later a German group and a few of French descent from farther downstate. These Catholic people had asked the bishop to permit them to have a church and a pastor of their own. Up to this time they had had to depend upon the ministrations of the Rev. Stanislaus Buteux, a zealous young French missionary, who, because of the vastness of his parish, could visit Terre Haute only at infrequent intervals. On these occasions the holy sacrifice of the mass was offered and other services were held in private homes of the city. Father Buteux's territory included not only all of Vigo county and several surrounding counties, but also an extensive section of eastern Illinois in the vicinity of Paris.

Father Buteux, when not on his distant mission tours, resided in his one-room log cabin, his headquarters, at Throll's Station, four miles west of Terre Haute. There the little log church, built in 1836, had been blessed by Bishop Bruti and by him named Ste Marie des Bois—St. Mary of-the-Woods.

In response to the appeal from the Catholics in Terre Haute, the bishop, accompanied by Father Buteux, had come to the town in the early days of January, 1837, and purchased suitable property. The good people were to have their church. Five years were to pass however, before they could be given a resident pastor. Late in the same year, 1837, the church was begun and Father Buteux, with the approval of his superior, went to St. Louis and other prosperous towns further south to solicit funds for his poor and wide-spread parish. Bishop Bruti, himself, spent several weeks in the south, in the neighborhood of Ne wOrleans during that winter of 1837-38. He was trying to restore somewhat his failing health, weakened by excessive labor, long and wearisome journeys and lack of proper rest and nourishment. While visiting his old friend, Bishop Portier, of Mobile, he spoke so eloquently of the poverty and the needs of the new church at Terre Haute that the kindly Bishop Portier gave to the work a generous gift of $200.

In July, 1838, Bishop Bruti was again in Terre Haute, arriving on the fourteenth. After mass the next morning he adminstred the sacrament of baptism to four members of the parish. He was rejoiced to find the walls of Father Butuex's church almost up to the roof line. The church was made of brick, was well built and well proportioned. Those first solid foundations later supported a part of the enlarged church remodeled by the Rev. J. B. Chassi and today, 100 years after they were first laid, those same old stones are enclosed in the longer and broader and deeper foundations of the beautiful new St. Joseph's.

Though the church must have been used for services before the end of 1838, it was not ready for solemn dedication until the summer of 1840. It was then to be dedicated to God in honor of St. Joseph, the foster father of our Lord, as the first church in Vigo county already bore the name of Christ's holy mother, St. Mary. The admirable spirit of universal brotherhood and Christian tolerance that reigns in Terre Haute today must be an heirloom from those pioneer times of 100 years ago, for the first pastor of old St. Joseph's recognizes it in this announcement he wrote for the Wabash Gazette of Wednesday, July 22, 1840:

"S. Buteux has the satisfaction to inform the public that the Catholic church in Terre Haute will be dedicated on Sunday next, the 26th of July, 1840, when the citizens are respectfully in[illegible]d to attend.

"He would do injustice to his own feelings if he did not take advantage of this occasion to return his most grateful thanks to the citizens of Terre Haute of all denominations for the Christian charity and generous liberality evinced by them in contributing to the erection of this edifice." (Signed) S. Buteux.

In 1842, the Rev. Simon Petit Lalumiere was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Joseph's. He remained in this position until his death June 7, 1857. He was buried beneath the church near the altar of the Blessed Virgin. It was during his administration in 1849, that the Sisters of Providence came to St. Joseph's to open the parish school and an Academy for Young Girls.

The parish was next in charge of the Jesuits, for two years, 1857-1859. They were succeeded by the Benedictines under the direction of the Rev. Bede O'Connor, O. S. B. Father O'Connor remained seven years, until 1867. Then came the Rev. John B. Chassi who remodeled and enlarged the little church of 1838. In 1872 Father Chassi was replaced by the Franciscan Fathers (O. M. C.) who have ever since zealously labored at St. Joseph.

In 1933 the present pastor, the Rev. Pascal Murray, O. M. C., was appointed. He is ably assisted by the Rev. Aloysius Hansen, O. M. C.

St. Patrick's Church.

St. Patrick's Church, located at 416 South Thirteenth street, was organized and established in 1881. The Rev. Thomas X. Logan was placed in charge and immediately began the erection of St. Patrick's Church at Thirteenth and Poplar streets.

In 1885 Rev. Victor A. Schnell became pastor. Under his wise and able guidance the parish grew rapidly and a very comfortable rectory was built on South Thirteenth street and a combination chapel and school hall was built on Poplar street. Father Schnell had a splendid faculty for making and keeping friends. These friends came from all creeds and all walks of life. He remained as pastor of St. Patrick's church 24 years until his death which occurred in 1919. He had endeared himself to the hearts of the Terre Haute citizens.

Very Rev. James B. Delaney became the new pastor. Since assuming his pastoral duties he has purchased a site for and erected a beautiful school on South Nineteenth street. There are about 375 families in the parish. Very Rev. Father Delaney is assisted by Rev. Thomas S. Finneran and Rev. Father Betz.

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St. Benedict's Church.

On Oct. 2, 1864, the cornerstone of the first St. Benedict's church was laid. Owing to the untiring zeal and efforts of the Benedictine fathers who were then in charge, the work made rapid progress and the edifice was ready for the service of God in 1865. Rev. Father Fintan Mundwilder, O. S. B., was the pastor.

In 1872 the Franciscian fathers were invited to take charge of the interests of Saint Benedict church. For the past sixty-five years they have given untiring service. Father Pius, O. M. C. was the first pastor.

About the year 1895 it was found that the original church was getting too small for the congregation and plans were immediately taken to build a new church. The corner stone was laid in 1896 and in 1899 dedicated. Great credit is due to Herman Hulman Sr., who contributed generously and spent much of his time supervising.

In 1930 this beautiful church was destroyed by fire. This was a great sorrow to the good people, but willing hands and generous hearts came quickly to the call of the devoted pastor, Father Seraphin, O. M. C.

The present construction was dedicated December, 1931, and stands a monument to the devotion and faith of the people.

The present pastor is the Reverend Father Theodore, O. M. C., assisted by the Reverend Walter Steiner.

Saint Ann Church.

Saint Ann's parish comprises the northeastern section of the city. It is located at 1402 East Locust street. The parish was organized in 1866, the Reverend Michael Quinlin being the first pastor. When he relinquished his charge to the parish was attended by the pastor and assistants of Saint Joseph church.

In July of 1885 the Revered J. Ryves was appointed pastor. He continued his labor until 1925, having been rector of the parish for forty-three years. Under his supervision in 1908 the present combination school and church was erected.

After Father Ryves' retirement, he was succeeded in July of 1928 by the Reverend Joseph Duffy who served the parish until his death, in 1932.

In September of 1932, the vacancy caused by the death of Father Duffey was filled by the present pastor, the Reverend Clement J. Thienes. The Reverend A. Duffey is assistant pastor.

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December 4, 1930

Dear Sister Mary Theodosia:

The following is from the Wabash Enquirer of Wednesday, July 22, 1840.

"DEDICATION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN TERRE HAUTE.

S. Buteux has the satisfaction to inform the public that the Catolic Church in Terre Haute will be dedicated on SUNDAY NEXT, the 26th of July; when the citizens are respectfully invited to attend.

He would do injustice to his own feelings if he did not take advantage of this occasion to return his most grateful thanks to the citizens of Terre Haute, OF ALL DENOMINATIONS, for the Christian Charity and generous liberality evinced by them in contributing to the erection of this edifice.

S. BUTEUX, Pastor."

Also in line with our talk of the earliest service of this priest in Terre Haute, I have just talked with Miss Harriet Law, a grand daughter of James Farrington, now living with Mr. H.C. Gilbert. at #30 Gilbert Avenue, here, who remembers Mrs. Williams and whom she frequently visited at St. Mary's in later days.

Miss Law remembers that Mrs. Williams was a frequent visitor at the home of her grandfather Farrington in his old home at the northwest corner of Wabash and Third Street and that on one such visit Mrs. Williams remarked that Father Buteux was in Terre Haute and that she so wished they might have a service, whereupon Mr. Farrington offered the use of his parlor for that purpose and a service was held there at which time Father Buteux presented Mrs. Williams (not with a gold crucifix and expressed the wish that she might make the gift the means of converting Mrs. Farrington to her own faith.

In calling Miss Law, after writing the above, to find the last resting place of the crucifix, I am told the present was to Mrs. Farrington and the wish was expressed to Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Farrington kept it for many years and after her death it was sent to a grand daughter of Mrs. Williams who had married an Italian, and it was buried with the grand daughter.

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These are but scraps of information, often such as these are of no value or even untrue but it is of such as these that history is made up.

The deed of May 26, 1838 from Joseph and Sarah Thralls to Simon Gabriel Brute of Knox County is for a part of the east half of the SE quarter of Section One in 12-10, "Commencing on the east line of said half quarter at a point about 80 rods north of the SE corner thereof and running west 24 rods, north 12 rods to a beech tree about 2 feet in diameter, thence east to the east line of said half quarter, south along said east line 12 rods to the place of beginning being that piece laid off, marked and designated for the use of a Catholic Church whereon is now a Church building erected."

These boundaries can be easily determined even at this late day as they tie in to a section corner and the angles are all right angles and the plat a definite rectangle of ground.

The other matters of which we talked, I will take up later as I need some more information on them.

Cordially,